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to reduce the adverse effect of import of edible on domestic price of edible oils and to protect the interests of palm growers.

**Training of sniffer dogs**

**3797. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that in order to locate the people below the debris in the recent disastrous earthquake in Gujarat, sniffer dogs came from abroad; and
- (b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to train sniffer dogs in the country, to be used in such times of need?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESO NAIK):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Ministry of Agriculture has no such proposal.

**Approach paper on food processing industry**

**3798. SHRI R. S. GAVAI:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have examined the approach paper on food processing industry;
- (b) if so, whether Government propose to rationalise the tax structure for food processing industries;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the food processing industry is presently under-utilising its installed capacity;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the measures adopted for full utilisation of the installed capacity?